

# *Celebrating 200 Years!*

## **Morning Worship May 9, 2010 Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day**

### **Coming Together in Christ**

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Triptych for Organ (Aria)* Anthony Giamanco

INTROIT *Come Down, O Love Divine* "Down Ampney"

### **Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Based on Gen 2: 18 & 23*

Leader: The Lord said: "It is not good for man to live alone."

People: **"At last, here is one of my own kind. Woman is her name."**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #449 *My Lord! What a Morning*

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

**Lord, I am created in your image, just like all the other people in the world; I am a person of worth and dignity. I am a thinking person, a feeling person, a doing person. I am the small. I am which stands before the great I AM. I am a worker constantly challenged by change. I can hear the hopeful prayers for justice and freedom, health and wholeness. I am alive. I am struggling. I am hoping. Forgive me when I fail and stir me to action.**

*—based on a Filipino peasant woman's prayer, World Council of Churches*

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) **#63, Lift Up Your Hearts**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

\* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah! (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing God's Word

THE ANTHEM

*Tapestry*  
The Children's Choir

Harriet Ziegenhals

Sing of a world that reflects the Creator's design; Planets in orbit, the oceans, the mountains, the earth all are part of a master pattern and line. The world is a tapestry, the colors ev'ry hue; the world is a tapestry woven for you.

Just as the threads in a tapestry form a design; God used our lives interwoven with beauty and care to create a harmonious pattern and line. Our lives are a tapestry, our colors ev'ry hue; our lives are a tapestry, the world is a tapestry, our lives are a tapestry interweaving me and you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

\* SONG OF PREPARATION

*We Are Singing*

#56, Lift Up Your Hearts

Zulu, arr. Hal H. Hopson

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-12, 28-31

Pew Bible p. 579

SECOND LESSON

Acts 16: 9-15

Pew Bible p. 127

THE ANTHEM

*Blest By Everything*

David L. Brunner

I am content to follow to its source ev'ry event in action or in thought; measure the lot; forgive myself the lot! When such as I cast out remorse so great a sweetness flows into the breast. We must laugh and we must sing. We are blest by everything. Everything we look upon is blest.

THE SERMON

"How Do You Spell M-O-M?"

Rev. John Dillon

## Our Response to God's Love

\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**To be reconciled with God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.**

**Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his witness in his own particular situation. He is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. He in turn, in his own competence, helps to guide the church.**

—9:31, 9:38, *The Confession of 1967*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

CHORAL AMEN

*Seven-Fold Amen*

Peter Lutkin

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Triptych for Organ (Pastorale)*

Giamanco

\* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN OF PARTING #525

*Here I Am, Lord*

"Here I Am, Lord"

\* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

\* SUNG BENEDICTION

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

**Going Forth in God's Love**

\* THE POSTLUDE

"Lauda Anima"

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\* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

## **About the Affirmation of Faith**

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in May we will be using the *Confession of 1967*. The Book of Confessions Study Edition prefaces *The Confession of 1967* with the following explanation:

“The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. Confessions and declarations are subordinate standards... No one type of confession is exclusively valid, no one statement is irreformable. Obedience to Jesus Christ alone identifies the one universal church and supplies the continuity of its tradition...”

“The purpose of the Confession of 1967 is to call the church to that unity in confession and mission which is required of disciples today. This Confession is not a “system of doctrine”, nor does it include all the traditional topics of theology. For example, the Trinity and the Person of Christ are not redefined, but are recognized and reaffirmed as forming the basis and determining the structure of the Christian faith.”

### **Statement of Purpose**

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God’s Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

### **Statement of Vision**

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

## What's Happening This Week:



### SUNDAY, MAY (9)

#### Mother's Day

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship Service, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Time for Children, Children's Choir Sings  
On the Air WCBC

### MONDAY, MAY (10)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

### TUESDAY, MAY (11)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

### WEDNESDAY, MAY (12)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool  
11:30 AM LT Mother's Day Luncheon  
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY (13)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool  
11:30 AM LT Mother's Day Luncheon  
7:00 PM Session Meeting in Library

### FRIDAY, MAY (14)

9:00 AM Church Office Open  
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool  
6:45 PM "Celebrate Allegany!" at the  
Culinaire Café

### SATURDAY, MAY (15)

9:00 AM Church Work Day

### SUNDAY, MAY (16)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
Children & Youth Meet in Library  
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship Service, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Time for Children, Moment for Mission,  
Gail Plitnik, Guest Preacher  
On the Air WCBC  
3:00 PM Cumberland Choral Society Concert